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E. O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: MOPS, PINS, PINT, PFOR, LA
SUBJECT: LAO SITUATION REPORT- APRIL 18

CINCPAC FOR POLAD; 13 AF ADVON, 432 TRW, 56 SOW AND 8 TFW
FOR DO/ DI; MACTHAI FOR J2 AND PAO

REF: VIENTIANE 2954

BEGIN SUMMARY: MILITARY- MILITARY ACTIVITY DECREASED
MARKEDLY THROUGHOUT LAOS DURING PERIOD 16-17 APRIL, WITH
ONLY TWO INCIDENTS REPORTED, BOTH IN MR IV. RLAF FLEW
ONLY TWO T-28 AND FOUR AC-47 GUNSHIP SORTIES. POLITICAL-
XAT LAO REPORTED PENTAGON ANNOUNCEMENT OF USAF BOMBING IN
LAOS. XAT LAO ALSO REPORTED THAT INTERNAL TALKS REMAIN
BOGGED DOWN. END SUMMARY.

1. SECTION I- CEASE FIRE OBSERVANCE
A. MR I: NO GROUND OR AIR YS EARLIER (ANKARA 2914).
EVEN ASSUMING AN IMPASSE COULD BE AVOIDED, HE EXPRESSED
STRONG DOUBTS THAT A SOLUTION COULD BE NEGOTIATED IN 1973.
HE NEVERTHELESS SAID THAT INTERCOMMUNAL TALKS SHOULD CONTINUE.
QUOTE WE SHOULD BE PATIENT. UNQUOTE.
2. WHEN GRANT TAXED BARUTCU WITH THE HARDENING POSITION
DENKTASH HAD BEEN PROJECTING, AND HIS BACKING AWAY FROM
PREVIOUSLY AGREED UNDERSTANDINGS, DRAWING ON NICOSIA 855
IN DETAIL, BARUTCU DID NOT BOTHER WITH DENIALS; BARUTCU DID,
HOWEVER, SAY THAT IT WAS NOW APPROPRIATE IN BARGAINING CONTEXT
FOR THE TURKS TO LISTEN TO THE GREEK- CYPRUS VIEWPOINT,
AND THUS IMPLIED THAT THERE WAS AT LEAST IN THEORY
SOME ROOM FOR COMPROMISE.
3. ADMITTING THAT THERE WERE DIFFERING INTERPRETATIONS OF
CERTAIN KEY TERMS, BARUTCU NEVERTHELESS SAID THA TURK
NEGOTIATORS HAD ALWAYS MADE CLEAR THEY EXPECTED LOCAL
" AUTONOMY", NOT LOCAL " ADMINISTRATION". (COMPARE WITH
BAYULKEN' S EXPLICIT STATEMENT TO CONTRARY.)
4. WHEN WE RAISED GRIVAS PROBLEM AND MAKARIOS' APRIL 15
CHALLENGE TO HIM, BARUTCU INTERJECTED THAT HE WAS VERY
UNHAPPY WITH THE MAKARIOS STATEMENTS AT THE MONUMENT UNVEILING
CEREMONY IN WHICH HE REFERRED TO THE STILL CONTINUING NATIONAL
STRUGGLE AGAINST THE TURK CYPRIOT REBELLION (NICOSIA 884).
HE SAID THESE REMARKS COULD CONSTITUTE A GREEN LIGHT TO ATTACK
TURK COMMUNITY. DEVELOPING THIS THEME, BARUTCU SAID THAT GOT
MINUTE BY MINUTE ASSESSED THREATS TO TURKISH COMMUNITY FROM VAR-
IOUS QUARTERS. TURKS HAD CONCLUDED THAT GRIVAS FORCES WERE HIGHLY

UNLIKELY TO ATTACK TURKS, WHICH WOULD COMPLETELY DESTROY GRIVAS' HOPES FOR ENOSIS. TURKS HAD, HOWEVER, DECIDED THAT THERE WAS NOW A SERIOUS POTENTIAL THREAT FROM CERTAIN OF MAKARIOS' ALLIES (I. E., LISSARIDES). BARUTCU SAID HE THOUGHT IT POSSIBLE THAT MAKARIOS, BY ENCOURAGING THE MATERIALIZATION OF THIS THREAT, IN EFFECT MIGHT WANT THE TURKS TO TAKE CARE OF THE GRIVAS PROBLEM

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FOR HIM. BARUTCU WENT ON TO SAY THAT HE KNEW MAKARIOS WAS BOTH WEAKENED AND WORRIED; BY WAY OF PROOF, HE CLAIMED THAT MAKARIOS LAST YEAR HAD TRIED TO CONSULT WITH THE TURKS, BUT THE TURKS HAD REJECTED THE OVERTURES. (BARUTCU REFUSED TO GO FURTHER THAN THIS AND EXPCAIN DETAILS.)

5. GRANT OUTLINED WAYS IN WHICH HE THOUGHT GRIVAS- INSPIRED VIOLENCE AND HIS PRESENCE ON ISLAND DIMMED HOPES FOR SUITABLE INTERCOMMUNAL SETTLEMENT AND ALSO HELD PROMISE OF HARM TO ATHENS-ANKARA RELATIONSHIP. BARUTCU AGREED THESE POINTS WERE SOUND ONES, BUT HE SUMMED UP TURK POSITION AS PREFERRING TO SEE A WEAKENED ARCHBISHOP AND A GREEK- CYPRIOT COMMUNITY IN SOME DISARRAY EVEN IF THIS MEANT THAT THE ARCHBISHOP COULD MAKE NO MEANINGFUL CONCESSIONS IN THE INTERCOMMUNAL TALKS, AND HE ASSUMED THAT IT DID.

6. BARUTCU MADE CLEAR THAT TURKS HAD NOT ASKED GOG TO GET GRIVAS UNDER CONTROL. FROM TURK NATIONAL POINT OF VIEW, CONTROLLING GRIVAS WAS NOT ESSENTIAL UNLESS, OF COURSE, A SETTLEMENT WAS ABOUT TO BE REACHED; IN THAT CASE, GRIVAS WOULD HAVE TO BE NEUTRALIZED, IN ANY EVENT, BARUTCU ADDED, FOR THE PRESENT IT WAS NOT UP TO THE TURKS TO DO SOMETHING ABOUT GRIVAS. HE EXPRESSED, HOWEVER, SOME ANNOYANCE THAT THE GOG, APPARENTLY LOOKING AT PROBLEM FROM ITS OWN NATIONAL INTEREST, OR BECAUSE IT HAD WIDER PLOT IN MIND, HAD SO FAR CHOSEN TO DO VERY LITTLE, AND HE REFERRED SPECIFICALLY TO PROBLEM COMMENCING JAN- FEB. (BARUTCU INDICATED AN ARGUMENT COULD BE MADE THAT GOG INACTION DID NOT SERVE ITS LONG RANGE INTERESTS.)

7. (GREEK EMBASSY COUNSELOR MALLYVIATIS, IN EARLIER TALK WITH US THAT DAY, HAD CONFIRMED THAT TURKS HAD MADE NO APPROACHES TO GOG ABOUT GRIVAS; MOREOVER, HE ARGUED THAT GOG RELATIONS WITH GOT DID NOT RPT NOT REQUIRE THAT GOG MOVE AGAINST GRIVAS, ALTHOUGH HE EXPRESSED PERSONAL AGREEMENT WITH VIEW THAT GRIVAS ACTIVITIES COULD ULTIMATELY HARM ATHENS' INTERESTS.)

8. BARUTCU INDICATED THAT TURKS WERE NEGATIVE ABOUT MAKARIOS' PCANS FOR AUXILIARY POLICE BUT, IN THE END, IN A FORM OF RETALIATION WOULD PROBABLY CARRY OUT A TOKEN EXPANSION (50 TO 100 MEN) OF THE TURKISH POLICE FORCE. HE ALSO EXPRESSED DOUBT THAT MAKARIOS IN ENLISTING ADDITIONAL POLICE COULD MATCH THE EXPANSION OF GRIVAS' FORCES IN THE MEANTIME (WHICH HE ESTIMATED NOW AT MORE THAN ONE THOUSAND AND POSSIBLY AS MANY AS TWO THOUSAND MEN).

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TO PREVENT INFILTRATION OF POLICE BY GRIVAS' SUPPORTERS,
MAKARIOS MIGHT HAVE TO ENLIST THE COMMUNISTS.

9. TURNING TO REPORTS OF RESIGNATION OF CLERIDES, BARUTCU
SAID TURK EMBASSY IN NICOSIA WAS INCLINED TO BELIEVE THEM.
BARUTCU ASKED WHETHER GRANT THOUGHT M-72 PROBLEM WAS ON WAY
TO SOLUTION, AND APPEARED RELIEVED BY ANSWER THAT PROSPECTS
ARE HOPEFUL. HE AGREED RESOLUTION IMPORTANT BEFORE JUNE
MEETING UNSC.

10. BARUTCU RAISED POSSIBILITY OF PROVIDING TURKISH WATER TO
CYPRUS, BUT SUGGESTED INTERNATIONAL FINANCING AND SAID GOT NOT
PREPARED TO UNDERTAKE PROJECT ON ITS OWN RESPONSIBILITY. ALSO
SAID FLATLY GOT WOULD CUT OFF WATER IF GOC TRIED ENOSIS.

11. COMMENT: THROUGHOUT THE CONVERSATION, BARUTCU
THREW OUT SUSPICIONS OF GREEK PLOTTING, BY ATHENS AS WELL
AS BY MAKARIOS. USUALLY BARUTCU DOES NOT SPOUT THE
STANDARD TURKISH THEOLOGY ABOUT THE GREEKS. SIMILARLY,
FOR THE FIRST TIME, HE THREW COLD WATER OVER HIS EARLIER
EXPRESSED OPINIONS THAT AN INTERCOMMUNAL SETTLEMENT WITH
A REVISED CONSTITUTION COULD BE MADE TO WORK, ASSUMING
GOT- GOG COOPERATION. THE OVERALL IMPRESSION HE CONVEYED
IS THAT TURKEY IS PREPARED TO ROCK ALONO FOR THE TIME BEING
WITH STATUS QUO, ACCEPTING THE PROSPECT OF NO REAL PROGRESS
IN INTERCOMMUNAL TALKS.

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